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**Warren J. Ferguson**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
Education: Nevada (Reno) 1942 BAA; USC 1949 LLB  
Began Service: 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Associate Professor, University of Southern California School of Medicine; Associate Professor, Loyola Law School; Faculty, University of Iowa College of Law

**Government:** City Attorney, State of California (1953-1959)

**Judicial:** Judge, Orange County Municipal Court (1959-1961); Judge, California Superior Court, Juvenile Court Division, Orange County (1961-1964); Judge, California Superior Court, Appellate Department (1965-1966); District Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1966-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Ferguson & Judge (1950-1959)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1942-1945)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; California Bar Association; Orange County Bar Association

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**Dorothy Wright Nelson**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1928  
Education: UCLA 1950 AB, 1953 JD;  
USC 1956 LLM  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter



**Academic:** Instructor, University of Southern California Law Center (1957-1958); Assistant Professor, University of Southern California Law Center (1958-1961); Associate Professor, University of Southern California Law Center (1961-1967); Professor, University of Southern California Law Center (1967); Interim Dean, University of Southern California Law Center (1967); Dean, University of Southern California Law Center (1969-1980)

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Law Schools; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Beverly Hills Bar Association; California Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; International Bar Association; International Judges Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; Los Angeles Women Lawyers' Association; National Association of Public Administration; World Association of Lawyers

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**William C. Canby, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Yale 1953 BA; Minnesota 1956 LLB  
Began Service: 1980

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Assistant to President Harris Wofford, State University of New York at Old Westbury (1967); Professor, Arizona State University (1967-1980); Visiting Fulbright Professor of Law, Makerere University (1970-1971)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles E. Whittaker, Supreme Court of the United States (1958-1959)

**Government:** Associate Director and Deputy Director, Ethiopia, Peace Corps (1962-1964); Director, Uganda, Peace Corps (1964-1966); Special Assistant, U.S. Senator Walter Mondale (D-MN), United States Senate (1966)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Oppenheimer, Hodgson, Brown, Baer & Wolff (1959-1962)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1958)

**Current Memberships:** Maricopa County Bar Association; Minnesota Bar; State Bar of Arizona

**Staff**

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**Robert Boochever**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1917  
Education: Cornell 1939 AB, 1941 JD  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter



**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1946-1947)

**Judicial:** Associate Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (1972-1980); Chief Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (1975-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Faulkner, Banfield, Boochever & Doogan (1947-1972)

**Chambers of Senior Judge Robert Boochever continued**

**Military Service:** Captain, United States Army (1941-1945)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute

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**Robert R. Beezer**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1928  
Education: Virginia 1951 BA, 1956 LLB  
Began Service: 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge Pro Tem, Seattle Municipal Court (1962-1976)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer (and predecessor firms) (1956-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps Reserve (1951-1953)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; Seattle-King County Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Cynthia Holcomb Hall**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Stanford 1951 AB, 1954 JD; NYU 1960 LLM  
Began Service: October 4, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Richard H. Chambers, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1954-1955)

**Government:** Trial Attorney, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice (1960-1964); Attorney-Advisor, Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, United States Department of the Treasury (1964-1966)

**Judicial:** Judge, United States Tax Court (1972-1981); Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1981-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Brawerman & Holcomb (1966-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1951-1953)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; California State Bar

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**Melvin T. Brunetti**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Hastings 1964 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Vargas, Bartlett & Dixon (1964-1969); Associate then Partner, Laxalt, Bell, Berry, Allison & Lebaron (1970-1978); Member, Allison, Brunetti, MacKenzie, Hartman, Soumbeniotis & Russell (1978-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army National Guard (1954-1956)

**Nonprofit:** Member, Council of Legal Advisors, Republican National Committee (1982-1985)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Nevada; Washoe County Bar Association

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**John T. Noonan, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1926  
Education: Harvard 1946 AB; Catholic U 1949 MA, 1951 PhD;  
Harvard 1954 LLB  
Began Service: January 16, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame (1961-1963); Professor, University of Notre Dame (1963-1966); Visiting Professor, Southern Methodist University (1966); Professor and Chairman, University of California at Berkeley (1967-1985); Visiting Professor, Stanford University (1970); Visiting Professor, University of California at Los Angeles (1974); Visiting Professor, Harvard University (1989)

**Government:** Special Staff, National Security Council (1954-1955); Chairman, Brookline Redevelopment Authority (1958-1962); Advisor, Presidential Commission on Population and the American Future (1972); Consultant, National Institutes of Health, United States Department of Health and Human Services (1973); Consultant, National Endowment for the Humanities (1973-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Herrick & Smith (1955-1960)

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